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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SANTIAGO DECLARED IN STATE OF EMERGENCY

THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN SANTIAGO PROVINCE FOLLOWING A CONFUSED INCIDENT INVOLVING ARMY COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF PRATS. AFTER WHAT WAS EITHER AN ATTEMPT AGAINST PRATS' LIFE OR AN ASSAULT ON A LADY DRIVER BY PRATS, THE GENERAL TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION, WHICH ALLENDE REFUSED. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT A COUP ATTEMPT HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED WITH THE ARREST OF AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PLOTTERS. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 2813 AND 2829, USDAO/ SANTIAGO 281605 Z JUN, 6/28.

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2. FEDAYEEN OPPOSE PALESTINIAN STATE PROPOSAL
EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTS THAT THE IDEA OF A PALESTINIAN
STATE ADVANCED BY EGYPT AND TUNISIA IS DRAWING IN-
CREASING OPPOSITION FROM ALL FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS.
OUR EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT MORE REASONABLE AND MODERATE

FEDAYEEN LEADERS WERE APPARENTLY IN TACIT AGREEMENT
WITH THE IDEA, BUT EXTREMISTS HAVE FORCED THEM TO
COME OUT AGAINST IT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) BEIRUT
7667, 6/28.

3. JAPANESE WORRIED ABOUT SOYBEANS

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY
TOKYO ITS CONCERN OVER THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE US
AGRICULTURAL EXPORT EMBARGO. THE JAPANESE INTEND TO
RAISE THE QUESTION OF US RELIABILITY AS AN AGRICULTURAL
SUPPLIER AT THE JULY 16-17 MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND OUR
EMBASSY RECORDS INCREASING TALK IN JAPAN OF THE NEED TO
DIVERSIFY AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY SOURCES AS WELL AS
INCREASE SELF- SUFFICIENCY. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 8165,
6/28.

4. INDOCHINA ACTIVITY

CAMBODIA-- THE MILITARY SITUATION ON ROUTE 6, APPROXI-
MATELY 25 MILES NORTH OF PHNOM PENH, HAS DETERIORATED
SHARPLY. REINFORCEMENTS ARE BEING SENT TO THE AREA.
THE SITUATION IS COMPLICATED BY LOW QUALITY FANK
TROOPS AND LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA. LITTLE CHANGE
HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM OTHER AREAS. (SECRET) CAMBODIAN
DAMSREP, 6/29.

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM-- CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS DECREASED FOR
THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE DAY WITH THREE MAJOR AND 56
MINOR VIOLATIONS REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD ENDING
2000 EDT JUNE 28. (CONFIDENTIAL) NMCC OPSUM, 6/29.

NORTH VIETNAM-- AIRBORNE MINE COUNTERMEASURE UNITS
HAVE COMMENCED CHECK SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL
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AREAS OF VINH, HON LA AND QUANG KHE. IT IS ESTIMATED
THAT QUANG KHE WILL BE COMPLETED ON JULY 1; VINH AND
HON LA ON JULY 4. (CONFIDENTIAL) NMCC OPSUM, 6/29. ROGERS

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